

**Sunday Programs****May 1**

9:30 Adult RE: Discussion (MH)

10:40 Program: Ron Ussery, Connie Ussery, Joyce Hickson and Pat Hart  
 Title: **"Robert Fulghum's Big Lessons"**  
 Service Leader: Bill Edwards  
 Opener: Pat Hart  
 Closer: Nikki Rohrs  
 Greeters: Mark Berger and Bill Edwards

12:00 First Sunday Potluck Lunch  
 Bring donated food or donation for Feeding the Valley Food Bank  
 Bring a Friend Day

**May 8**

9:30 Adult RE: Discussion (MH)

10:40 Program: Dr. Clark Gillett  
 Title: **"Medicine Then Versus Medicine Now"**  
 Service Leader: Ron Ussery  
 Opener: Nikki Rohrs  
 Closer: Pat Hart  
 Greeters: Ursula King and Anna Hensley

**May 15**

9:30 Adult RE: Discussion (MH)

10:40 Program: Bill Edwards, retired CSU Communications Professor  
 Title: **"The Value of Superiority"**  
 Service Leader: Pat Hart  
 Opener: Maureen Humphries  
 Closer: Connie Ussery  
 Greeters: Justine Wade and Robert Burnham  
**GATP: Ferst Foundation**

12:00 Social Justice Committee meeting

**May 22**

9:30 Adult RE: Discussion (MH)

10:40 Program: John and Joseph DeMasi, Award-winning UU Folksingers  
 Title: **"With a Song in Their Hearts"**  
 Service Leader: Rick Spradlin  
 Opener: Kirstin Mix  
 Closer: Patricia Lassiter  
 Greeters: Robert Burnham and Kirstin Mix

**May 29**

9:30 Adult RE: Discussion (MH)

10:30 Program: Rob St. Clair, retired attorney and President of Columbus Artists' Guild  
 Title: **"Home of the Brave"**  
 Service Leader: John Nix  
 Opener: Heather Saxton  
 Closer: Robbie Henson  
 Greeters: Patricia Lassiter and Elaine Lupo

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**A Welcoming Congregation**

Thanks to **Ron and Connie Ussery** for coordinating programs this month



## Activities

### Wednesday Night Discussion Group

This group meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm and is open to everyone. The topic to be discussed is announced on the website calendar a few days in advance of the next meeting. (MH)

### UU Women

The Women's Group meets monthly on the second Thursday. The time of day and the specific plans vary from month to month. The details are usually announced a month in advance and are found in the newsletter and on the website. This month we will tour the Ma Rainey House at 11:00 on May 12. We plan to eat at Minnie's after the tour. Carpooling will be arranged closer to the date. Contact Brenda if you plan to attend.

### Women's Book Club

A monthly meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month at 5 pm in the Meeting House. The current book is announced a month in advance, giving everyone a chance to read it before the meeting. We will meet on May 24 and review the book, "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel Brown. We welcome new members!

### UU Singers

If you are interested in music or singing, please consider joining our UU Singers. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday night at 6 pm. (GFH)

### Yoga

Sonya Saxton, group fitness instructor and personal trainer will continue a beginner's yoga class on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 in the Meeting House. There is a \$5 per week drop in charge.

### Media Lunch Group

This group meets at a different restaurant each Friday at 12:30 to have fun and discuss current events. It was formed by Don Nahley, Bill Harlan, Dick McMichael and Ed Wilson to discuss their experiences as newsmen. It has evolved to inviting all members and friends of the Fellowship to join them for a lively discussion. Please call Bill Harlan at 605.390.0590 to see where they will be meeting this month.

## *Joys and Concerns*

- \* In April, we contributed \$40.00 and 114 pounds of food to Feeding the Valley.
- \* Our April GATP donation of \$167.00 went to Trees Columbus.
- \* Our May GATP charity is the **Ferst Foundation** which is a childhood literacy program.
- \* Please keep Gene Camper in your thoughts as she recovers from some health issues.
- \* Keep Rick Spradlin's sister in law in your thoughts as well.

### A letter from The Ronald McDonald House

"The families, staff and volunteers greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in providing frozen homemade and store-bought dinners and casseroles for the guests at The Ronald McDonald House. The donation allows us to provide a variety of food for our families to choose from. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our families during such a difficult time in their lives.

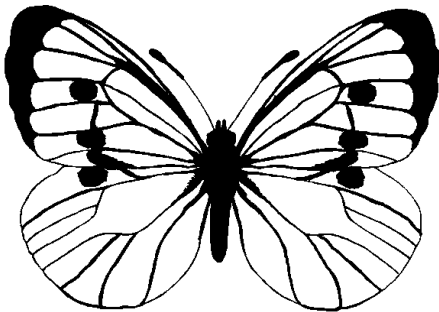
Sincerely,  
Beth Karriker, Program Manager

# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



## Children's RE Programs

May 1	Hearth and Home	Kirstin Mix
May 8	Memories of Home	Emily Jones
May 15	Art Project	Paul Lee
May 22	Book of Ruth	Kayla Spradlin
May 29	Hare's Gifts	Nate and Molly Gross



BUTTERFLIES TO COLOR



Bhawna Lal	May 5
Florence Wakoko	May 5
Joanna Walker	May 25
Jordan Michelle	May 31

### Bits and Pieces:

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If you haven't done so, please take a look at the Meditation Garden which is under construction in the back of GFH. Hal Midgette and helpers have been hard at work planting and constructing walkways. Thanks to all who are helping!

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The children had a lesson about social action and have decided to gather items for Ronald McDonald House here in Columbus. The following items are needed: aluminum cans, used printer cartridges and old cell phones. The proceeds from the Ronald McDonald recycling project are used to pay utility costs. There is a poster and bin for items in the main building. Thanks everyone!

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Board meetings are held the third Tuesday evening of every month at 7 pm at GFH. Meetings are open to everyone.

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Donations for Feeding the Valley Food Bank should be non-perishable food in unbreakable containers (no glass). Checks made out to Feeding the Valley and cash are also welcome.

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On the third Sunday of each month our Social Justice Committee designates a local charity to be the recipient of our Give Away the Plate (GATP) offering. The money collected in the offering which is not pledged for the operations of the Fellowship is donated to the charity.



### GATP: Ferst Foundation

Children registered for the Ferst Foundation literacy program receive an age-appropriate book mailed to them at home every month until their fifth birthday. By mailing a new book every month along with supplemental material to foster a language-rich environment in the home, FFCL upholds its commitment to provide early learning opportunities with the hope of breaking the cycle of poverty and illiteracy. Our vision is to afford the best chance to every child to succeed in school, and in life, and to help develop an educated, productive and competitive work force. For more info visit [www.ferstfoundation.org](http://www.ferstfoundation.org)

### Social Justice Committee News

The Social Justice Committee is exploring ways to be more active in the community in the following months. They are looking into preparing and serving a breakfast or lunch at the SafeHouse and also preparing to collect and deliver household items and personal care items to the residents of Hope Harbour. The Hope Harbour wish list includes new towels and wash cloths, underwear and socks for women and children, diapers, wipes, pacifiers and personal hygiene products. Gas cards are also a needed item. When dates are finalized, members of the Fellowship will be encouraged to volunteer and make donations. We are a community who values the inherent worth and dignity of every person and this is one way we can demonstrate it.

### *May Activities at the Mountain*

*May 11-15                      WomenSpirit*  
*May 22-27                    Appalachian Spring*  
*May 27-29                    Homecoming Weekend*

*For details, go to [www.TheMountainRLC.org](http://www.TheMountainRLC.org)*

### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

April 28-May 15	The Who's Tommy	Springer Opera House
May 1	PianoMania	RiverCenter
May 8-August 14	Between the Lines	Columbus Museum
May 19	The American Songbook	RiverCenter
May 22	Columbus Community Orchestra	St. Mark's

For the latest news, visit our dynamic new website:  
[www.uucolumbusga.org](http://www.uucolumbusga.org) for all the latest info about programs, schedules, announcements, etc. Our website is a blog, so click on "subscribe" on the home page and you will be notified by email whenever a new post is